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For: OPTICAL SUBSCRIBER SYSTEM AND TRANSMISSION LINE DISTANCE
MONITORING METHOD

Asst. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT/SUBMISSION

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows.

FEE CALCULATION

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

_____ If checked, "Small Entity" status is claimed.

	NO. CLAIMS AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		EXTRA PRESENT		RATE	ADDIT. FEE
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AMENDMENTS

☒ If checked, amendment(s) to the specification and/or claims are submitted herewith.

1. ☐ If checked, an abstract is submitted as the last page of Appendix A.

2. Specification:

Please delete the paragraph(s)/section(s) beginning at page, _____ and replace such paragraph(s)/section(s) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(ii) with the “clean” version attached hereto as Appendix A. Entry is respectfully requested. A version with markings to show the changes made pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(iii) is attached hereto as Appendix B.

3. Claims:

Please cancel claims _____ without prejudice.

Please amend claims 4 and 8 and add new claims 9-12 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(i) as set forth in the “clean” version attached hereto as Appendix A. Entry is respectfully requested. A version with markings to show the changes made pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(ii) is attached hereto as Appendix B.

☐ If checked, the optional complete set of “clean” claims pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(3) is attached hereto as Appendix C.

REMARKS/ARGUMENT

This Preliminary Amendment is being submitted to change the multiple dependent claims to single dependent claims in order to reduce the government filing fee.

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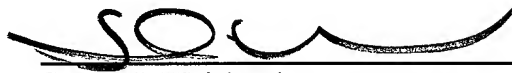
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APPENDIX A
“CLEAN” VERSION OF EACH PARAGRAPH/SECTION/CLAIM
37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(ii) AND (c)(i)

CLAIMS (with indication of amended or new):

(Amended) 4. The optical subscriber system according to claim 1, which, when the transmission line distance is larger than the reference value, issues an alarm.

(Amended) 8. The method according to claim 5, wherein, when the transmission line distance is larger than the reference value, an alarm is issued.

(New) 9. The optical subscriber system according to claim 2, which, when the transmission line distance is larger than the reference value, issues an alarm.

(New) 10. The optical subscriber system according to claim 3, which, when the transmission line distance is larger than the reference value, issues an alarm.

(New) 11. The method according to claim 6, wherein, when the transmission line distance is larger than the reference value, an alarm is issued.

(New) 12. The method according to claim 7, wherein, when the transmission line distance is larger than the reference value, an alarm is issued.

APPENDIX B
VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE
37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(iii) AND (c)(ii)

CLAIMS:

4. The optical subscriber system according to [any one of claims 1 to 3] claim 1, which, when the transmission line distance is larger than the reference value, issues an alarm.

8. The method according to [any one of claims 5 to 7] claim 5, wherein, when the transmission line distance is larger than the reference value, an alarm is issued.

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